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SUBJECT: USG INFORMAL REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ILO MULTINATIONAL
MEETINGS TURNED DOWN BY OFFICERS OF GOVERNING BODY

1. SUMMARY: USG INFORMAL REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF
MEETINGS OF ILO TRIPARTITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
MULTINATIONALS AND ITS WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN TURNED
DOWN BY OFFICERS OF GOVERNING BODY. DECISION WAS
REACHED, HOWEVER, TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES UNTIL NOVEMBER SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY.
BECAUSE USG REQUEST HAS BEEN INCORRECTLY INTERPRETED AS
FOOT-DRAGGING ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE, USG WILL NOT RAISE
MATTER IN PLENARY OF GB. EMPLOYERS DO NOT WANT TO BE ACCUSED
OF NEGATIVISM AND ARE THEREFORE NOT EXPECTED TO RAISE
ISSUE IN PLENARY. WORKERS ARE ADAMANT THAT THE MEETINGS
BE HELD AS INITIALLY SCHEDULED BY LAST NOVEMBER GOVERNING
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BODY. END SUMMARY.

2. USREP HOROWITZ INITIALLY INFORMED DIRECTOR GENERAL
ILO ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, OF USG INFORMAL REQUEST
THAT THERE BE A POSTPONEMENT OF MEETINGS OF TRIPARTITE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONALS AND ITS WORKING
GROUP. IN DISCUSSIONS ON THAT DATE, USREP HOROWITZ

REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MEETING TIMES BE ADOPTED
BY ILO: SECOND WG - UNCHANGED; THIRD WG - MAY; AND
TRIPARTITE MEETING - SEPTEMBER.

3. SOON AFTER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USREP HOROWITZ AND
DG BLANCHARD, STOERMANN (DIRECTOR, MULTINATIONAL
ENTERPRISES SECTION) MET WITH THREE EMPLOYER REPS ON
WORKING GROUPS: SMITH (US), CHATES (UK), AND HAK (NETHERLANDS).
ALTHOUGH SMITH CONCURRED WITH USG POSITION, OTHER
EMPLOYERS DID NOT. AS RESULT, SMITH SIDED WITH COATES
AND HAK IN REACHING TENTATIVE AGREEMENT THAT: (A) ILO
SHOULD CANCEL SECOND WORKING GROUP MEETING; (B) ONE DAY
SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE THIRD WORKING GROUP MEETING; (C)
NOT CHANGE DATES SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED FOR THE TRIPARTITE MEETING IN
APRIL; AND (D) DECLARATION SHOULD BE DRAFTED BY TIME OF MAY SESSION
OF GOVERNING BODY BUT NOT CONSIDERED UNTIL NOVEMBER
SESSION.

4. OFFICERS OF GOVERNING BODY MET SATURDAY, FEBRUARY
27 AND DISCUSSED INTER ALIA, USG INFORMAL REQUEST FOR
POSTPONEMENT. IN DISCUSSIONS MARCH 1 WITH CHAIRMAN HAASE
HE SAID THAT THE TENTATIVE DATE CHANGES AS SUGGESTED BY

USG AND EMPLOYERS WERE NOT ACCEPTED BUT THAT DECLARATION
WOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON BY GOVERNING BODY UNTIL NOVEM-
BER. IN OFFHAND REMARK HE STATED FURTHER THAT THE USG
"CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING YOU WANT FOR NOVEMBER" (I.E.,
ISSUES OF CONCERN ON WHICH QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL WILL
BE DECIDED).

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5. COMMENT: IN VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT,
GOVT. EMPLOYER AND WORKER REPS. SEVERAL ATTITUDES ARE
APPARENT. THESE ATTITUDES, WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN
DETERMINING A FUTURE APPROACH TO THE DECLARATION
MATTER, ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) USG INITIATIVE TO POSTPONE
MEETINGS FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS IS
BEING INTERPRETED BY SOME GOVERNMENTS AS FOOT-DRAGGING
ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE; (B) SECRETARIAT DOES NOT WISH TO
LOSE MOMENTUM ON DECLARATION EFFORT AND BELIEVES THAT
FAILURE TO PRODUCE DECLARATION BY APRIL WOULD JEOPARDIZE
A TRIPARTITE INPUT INTO THE WORK OF THE UN COMMISSION;
AND (C) FAILURE TO PREPARE DECLARATION BY MAY GB
SESSION COULD LEAD TO ITS SEIZURE BY THE 1977 CONFERENCE
OR TO ITS BEING PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1979
CONFERENCE. CATTO

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